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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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Tanya L. Ford-Crump

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR Lesley Waxman

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING Minutes of January 21, 2022

Commissioner Ward called the meeting to order at 4:37 pm on January 21, 2022 at 51 Inman Street, second floor conference room and viewable via Zoom.

Roll Call:

Commissioner Larry Ward

Present

Commissioner Victoria Harris

Present

Commissioner Ethridge King

Absent

Commissioner Charles Marquardt

Present

Also, present were Executive Director Tanya Ford-Crump and Assistant Director Lesley Waxman.

Commissioner King had informed his fellow commissioners that he was going to be a few minutes late.

I. MINUTES

Motion:

To approve the minutes of January 11, 2022.

Moved:

Commissioner Ward

Seconded:

Commissioner Harris

Roll Call:

Commissioner Larry Ward

Yes

Commissioner Victoria Harris

Yes

Commissioner Ethridge King

Absent

Commissioner Charles Marquardt

Yes

Passed:

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II: REPORTS

1. Executive Director's Report

There was no Executive Director's Report.

2. Assistant Director's Report

- A. January 11, 2022 Special State Election
 - There were no provisional ballots from the Special State Election on January 11, 2022.
 Commissioner Marquardt reviewed the provisional envelopes for each polling location noting that there were no provisional ballots.

- 2) The State has already certified the results of the Special State Election, but will adjust the results of any overseas absentee ballots that may be received by Cambridge before 5:00 pm January 21, 2022.
- **B.** School Committee Finance reports were due January 20, 2022. Ms. Waxman provided a list of those who had yet to file and would be following up with each of them during the week of January 24, 2022.
- c. 2021 Statements of Financial Interests.

There remain 5 individuals who have yet to submit their required statements. Ms. Waxman will follow up with them again the week of January 24, 2022. Commission to schedule hearings at their next meeting if reports remain unfiled.

Commissioner King arrived at 4:49 pm.

3. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Marquardt reported:

• 1498 Cambridge Street is a valid address.

Commissioner Harris reported:

 She sent a written report on the feedback from the Warden and Clerk debrief meeting to everyone and asked for everyone to review in preparation for the next meeting.

III. ACTION AGENDA

New Business

While the Commissioners took up New Business before Old Business as it was not yet 5:00 pm, at which time overseas absentee ballots could be reviewed.

Discussion regarding use of school location in 2022 lead to a request for Commissioner Ward to reach out to Mayor Siddiqui regarding the creation of a task force as discussed during the December roundtable between the City Council, School Committee and Election Commission. Commissioner Ward agreed to do so and report back at the next meeting.

Commissioner Marquardt noted that there was legislation being considered that would change the State Primary date for this year to the Tuesday after Labor Day.

At the next meeting it was determined to include a chart of which polling locations are established for the precincts resulting from the reprecincting and which may require new locations. There will also be discussion of allocation of precincts amongst the commissioners based on the new locations.

Special Election for Senator in General Court

The Commissioners were informed that as of 5:00 pm no overseas absentee ballots had been received subsequent to the start of the meeting. Therefore, there are no overseas absentee ballots to be reviewed.

Motion:

To certify the results for the January 11, 2022 Special State Election.

Moved:

Commissioner Ward

Seconded:

Commissioner King

Roll Call:

Commissioner Larry Ward

Yes

Commissioner Victoria Harris

Yes

Commissioner Ethridge King

Yes

Commissioner Charles Marquardt

Yes

Passed:

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Next Commission meetings will be February 2 and February 16, 2022 at 5:30 pm via Zoom.

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 5:02 pm.

Moved:

Commissioner Ward

Seconded:

Commissioner Harris

Roll Call:

Commissioner Larry Ward

Yes

Commissioner Victoria Harris

Yes

Commissioner Ethridge King

Yes

Commissioner Charles Marquardt

Yes

Passed:

4-0

A True Record

Attested by: Charles Marquardt, Secretary